

#### COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

#### DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"

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# County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation Offers Free Summer Lunches and Snacks for Los Angeles County's Youth

Los Angeles County --- The County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation in conjunction with the United States Department of Agriculture and the California Department of Education will provide approximately 220,000 free lunches and snacks to children in 47 County parks now through August 26, 2011.

This health-focused program was created to provide a healthy alternative for children during the summer months and to reduce the growing percentage of obese youth in the United States.

The program, available to children ages 18 and under, will take place at scheduled times daily Monday through Friday. Lunches and snacks will include sandwiches, fruit, vegetables and healthy dairy products such as milk, string cheese and yogurt.

Parents or guardians of children interested in participating in the program may contact their local Los Angeles County park or call the Los Angeles County Summer Lunch Office at (310) 965-8249 Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for park locations, lunch times and more information.

## NOTE: A complete listing of participating parks Including scheduled snack and lunch times is attached below.

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